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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented): A warp knitted fabric of at least three-bar construction, said fabric comprised of multifilament synthetic pile yarns on the technical back which are raised or broken to produce a plush surface, and monofilament synthetic ground yarns in a dimensionally stable stitch pattern on the technical face, wherein at least said technical back of said fabric is hydrophilic, at least a portion of said pile yarns are comprised of microdenier filaments, and at least said technical back of said fabric is chemically treated with a hydrophilic composition to render said plush surface hydrophilic, and wherein at least one of said yarns and fabric are chemically treated with an anionic-ethoxylated sulfonated polyester and a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester.

8. (original) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said agents are mixed to provide about 1% - 8% OWF and about 0.1% - 1.0% solids OWF.

9. (original) The fabric of Claim 8, wherein said agents are added at about 1.5% OWF each.

10. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein at least one of said yarns and fabric is treated by at least one selected from the group consisting of adding an anti-pathogenic agent, dyeing, scouring optically brightening, bulking, and combinations thereof.

Claims 11 – 34 (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A warp knitted fabric of at least three-bar construction, said fabric comprised of multifilament synthetic pile yarns on the technical back which are raised or broken to produce a plush surface, and monofilament synthetic ground yarns in a dimensionally stable stitch pattern on the technical face, wherein at least said technical back of said fabric is hydrophilic, at least a portion of said pile yarns are comprised of microdenier filaments, and at least said technical back of said fabric is chemically treated with a hydrophilic composition to

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render said plush surface hydrophilic, said hydrophilic composition comprising a high molecular weight ethoxylated polyester.

36. (Previously Presented) The fabric of claim 35, wherein said hydrophilic composition further comprises an anionic surfactant.

37. (Previously Presented) The fabric of claim 36, wherein said anionic surfactant is an anionic-ethoxylated sulfonated polyester.

38. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said pile yarns are comprised on microdenier filaments characterized by a filament linear density of not greater than 1.1 denier.

39. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said pile yarns have a denier of at least 50.

40. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said monofilament synthetic ground yarns have individual deniers of at least 10.

41. (Previously Presented) The fabric of claim 7, wherein said pile yarns are knitted in a 1-0, 4-5 stitch pattern and said ground yarns are comprised of at least two sets, one set being knitted in a 1-0, 0-1 stitch pattern, and another set being knitted in a 1-0, 2-3 stitch pattern

42. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said monofilament synthetic ground yarns have a combined denier that does not exceed that of the pile yarn.

43. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein the fabric has an absorbency of at least 5 ml of water before overflow for a 10cm X 10cm sample.

44. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein the fabric has wicking of at least 150mm of rise of water in 30 minutes.

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45. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said plush surface provides for sharp definition printing.

46. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein said plush surface has substantially instantaneous moisture dissipation.

47. (Previously Presented) The fabric of Claim 7, wherein the fabric is at least one selected from the group consisting of absorbent, wicking, hydrophilic, printable, launderable, cleanable, durable, dimensionally stable, non-fraying, color fast, and combinations thereof.